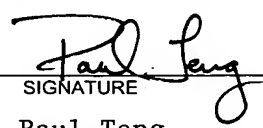


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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 2271/74323 |
| | | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/532852 |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/013865 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 15 September 2004 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 17 September 2003 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION BELT CONVEYANCE APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS USING SUCH A BELT CONVEYANCE APPARATUS | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Tsuneo MAKI, Tomiyoshi MISUMI, Kiyoshi TSUKAMURA, Yohichi ITOH and Hideo AOKI | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | |
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| Independent claims | 2 - 3 = | 0 | x \$200 | \$ 0 | |
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| <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Customer Number 23432 Ivan S. Kavrukov, Esq. Cooper & Dunham LLP 1185 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10036 Tel. (212) 278-0400</p> | | | | | |
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20. Other items or information:

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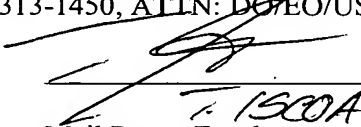
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